

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, August 1, 2011, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis R. Phillips
Alderman Benjamin K. Mallicote
Alderman Mike McIntire

Vice-Mayor Tom C. Parham
Alderman Tom Segelhorst
Alderman Jantry Shupe

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager
J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney
Lisa E. Winkle, Comptroller/Deputy City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Angie Marshall. Absent: Alderman Valerie Joh.
3. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Vice-Mayor Parham noted a lot of people in attendance at the Farmer's Market. Mayor Phillips commented on the recent addition of 14 handicapped signs for designated parking spaces, noting that they were all in use. City Manager Campbell gave an update at the request of Alderman Mallicote on the development progress on Rock Springs Road.

Note: Items 4 and 5 on the work session agenda were swapped in the order of discussion.

4. **RECOMMENDATION OF FIRE SURVEY COMMITTEE.** Alderman Mallicote gave a power point presentation outlining the findings, recommendations and concerns of the Kingsport Fire Department working committee. Considerable discussion ensued. Mayor Phillips voiced a concern regarding the training of dispatchers. Lieutenant Jerry Mowl and Communications Supervisor Nancy Fender explained the benefits of obtaining the new software being requested. Dr. Mickey Spivey also provided information pertaining to the national protocols and guidelines that are used. He also gave a history of medical services in Kingsport. Mayor Phillips also discussed the issue of the fire trucks responding to 5400 calls in a year, with the majority of those being medical.

5. **ANIMAL CONTROL/SHELTER UPDATE.** Mayor Phillips pointed out that he had a received a call from a citizen regarding dead animal pick-up, noting the caller had received conflicting stories from city employees regarding this policy. Sullivan County Commissioner Joe Herron introduced Rich Crino as the new director of the shelter. Mr. Herron also pointed out that all Sullivan County residents (even in the city) could contact Critter Gitters and the charge would be sent to Sullivan County. Mr. Crino stated that he was aware of the misunderstanding involving this issue, but it has since been corrected. Mr. Crino apologized for the confusion, but asked for patience during this transition period. Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt pointed out that deer carcasses would be picked up by Bays Mountain employees. Some discussion followed.

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At this time, the Mayor asked Assistant City Manager for Development Jeff Fleming to introduce the new Planning Manager, Ms. Lynn Tully.

6. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE AUGUST 2, 2011 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA. City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

VI.D.1 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order for the PowerSchool-Limelight Edition Software to NCS Pearson (AF: 194-2011). Dory Creech, Director of Accountability for Kingsport City Schools, provided details concerning the upgrade of this software system, noting the price would decrease after the first year. Purchasing Director Sandy Crawford also pointed out this agreement would have to be approved each budget year by the Board since the purchase is over \$50,000.

VI.D.2 Consideration of a Resolution Awarding the Bid for the Purchase of Three (3) 23-Passenger Urban Mass Transit Mini-Buses to National Bus Sales & Leasing, Inc. (AF: 197-2011). Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt explained this purchase would utilize stimulus dollars and was no actual cost to the City. He pointed out that although these vehicles were more expensive than traditional buses, they are already at Department of Transportation standards regarding software, equipment and security features. Mr. McCartt further commented that positive feedback has been received for these buses that have already been added to the fleet.

VI.D.3 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Settlement Agreement to Resolve the Tower Steel Litigation (AF: 199-2011). City Attorney Billingsley gave details on this item, stating this action is a result of court-ordered mediation and would allow the City to move forward.


VII.1 Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Section 46-5 of the Code of Ordinances Pertaining to the Regulation of Fireworks (AF: 186-2011). Alderman McIntire voiced his concerns regarding the amendment made at the last meeting allowing citizens to possess and store fireworks. Mr. McIntire suggested that City Attorney Billingsley change the wording to specify an intent to discharge that would allow the police to enforce violations based on the totality of the circumstances.

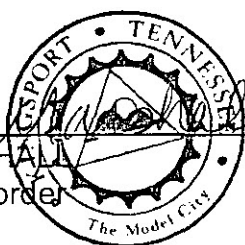
BOARD COMMENT. Mayor Phillips mentioned that the Dobyns-Bennett band would be performing at the University of Tennessee football game on October 1, 2011 and that discounted tickets were still available. Alderman Segelhorst commented on the recent regional training at the Gray fairgrounds for local emergency responders, including the Kingsport Lifesaving Crew.

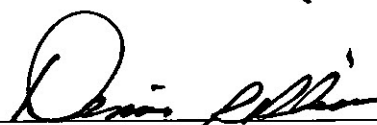
PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

8. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder

The seal of Kingsport, Tennessee, is a circular emblem. It features a central gear-like design with a mountain peak in the background. The words "KINGSPORT • TENNESSEE" are inscribed around the top inner edge, and "The Model City" is at the bottom.


DENNIS R. PHILLIPS
Mayor